

Washington, DC –Today, U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) made the following statement on the Census Bureau’s report that nearly 43.6 million people in America are living in poverty – the highest number over the past 50 years:

**“We’ve known that this recession and persistent unemployment are hurting our families, and this report clearly shows the impact.□ With one in five children living in poverty, we must act.**

**“While the private sector has been adding jobs consistently over the past months, it’s just not happening fast enough.□ We’re working to help small businesses expand and create jobs, and we recently passed legislation to prevent massive layoffs in cities and states across the country.□ There is still more that needs to be done to get us fully out of this recession.**

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**“This report should be a wake up call to Congress as we debate extending tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires.□ We are in the toughest of times, and we need to get our priorities straight.□ I will keep fighting for people who are struggling every single day.”**

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